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**DATE:** October 28, 2019

**TO:** Illinois State Board of Plumbing Examiners

**FROM:** Brian W. Cox, P.E., Manager, Plumbing & Water Quality Program

**SUBJECT:** Illinois State Board of Plumbing Examiners Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2019

**Attendance and Meeting Location**

The meeting began at 1:51 p.m. on October 22, 2019 at the UA Local 137 Springfield Plumbers & Steamfitters Training Association, 2880 East Cook Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The following were in attendance:

**IDPH Staff**

Brian W. Cox, P.E., Manager, Plumbing & Water Quality Program  
Frank Shimkus, Plumbing Consultant, Plumbing & Water Quality Program  
Rhonda Hawkins-Jackson, Plumbing & Water Quality Program  
Jennifer Krick, Plumbing & Water Quality Program  
Tina Cordova, Plumbing & Water Quality Program  
Brian McGrath, State Plumbing Inspector  
Verbin (Ray) Hall, State Plumbing Inspector

**Examining Board Members**

Robert Schafer, Chairman  
Timothy Atkisson  
James Brinkman  
Robert Dennison  
Doug Pursell  
Phil Roknich

**Guests**

Andy Fuchs – Springfield Plumbers & Steamfitters

**Welcome and Introductions**

Robert Schafer introduced himself and welcomed everyone. A roll call was performed, and quorum established.

**Motions**

- A motion was made by Timothy Atkisson to approve the October 22, 2019 meeting agenda and seconded by James Brinkman.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- A motion was made by Phil Roknich to approve the August 6, 2019 meeting minutes and seconded by Timothy Atkisson.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Discussion Items**

- Robert Schafer opened the floor for public comment; no public comment.
- One previous examinee (apprentice) and their sponsor are meeting with the Board after the meeting to discuss failure of previous exams. Discussed having the individuals meet with the board January 14, 2020 during the exam at 8:30 a.m. due to an expected extension of the board meeting.
- Expected extension to the January 2020 board meeting due to multiple topics being discussed. Some of these include, but are not limited to:
  - Plumbers Licensing Code
  - Illinois State Board of Plumbing Examiners By-Laws
  - Apprentice Packet/Candidate Handbook
- Exam results and statistics for retakes of individuals whom have met with the board were discussed.
- Discussed that the no hub cast iron fittings for examinees for the January 2020 exam will be supplied at the next exam. The Board discussed the supply list will have a footnote noting that the cast iron fittings will be provided. Determined that bins of fittings will be provided, and examinees will be instructed to pick out fittings as needed to complete their project. Once an examinee makes their first cut, they will no longer be allowed to obtain additional fittings or materials.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Timothy Atkisson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Robert Dennison. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 2:18 p.m.